BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)		
COMCAST OF DELMARVA, INC. FOR A)		
CHANGE TO ITS BASIC SERVICE TIER)		
("BST") CABLE TELEVISION RATES AND)		
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND)	PSC DOCKET NO.	13-379
INSTALLATION CHARGES IN THE)		
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SUSSEX)		
COUNTY - CUID #DE0079(FILED)		
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013))		

ORDER NO. 8497

AND NOW, this 17th day of December, 2013, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, Comcast of Delmarva, Inc. ("Comcast") holds a franchise granted by the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to operate a cable television system in certain areas of the southeast portion of Sussex County, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.910 and 76.933(g), the Commission is authorized to approve the calculation of the maximum permitted rate that Comcast may charge its subscribers for its basic service tier ("BST") cable and related equipment rentals and installation services by applying the rate regulation rules and methodologies adopted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2013, Comcast filed an application ("Application") seeking adjustments to its maximum permitted BST monthly rate, as well its equipment and

installation charges for the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014, for the areas served within Community Identifier Unit Number DE0079; and

WHEREAS, the Application includes FCC Form 1240, which lists adjustments to the maximum permitted BST cable monthly rate, and FCC Form 1205, which lists changes to Comcast's maximum permitted rates for its equipment and installation charges during the same period; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Commission Staff ("Staff), Comcast published a notice of the proposed adjustments to its regulated rates in the <u>Delaware State News</u> and <u>The News Journal</u> newspapers on November 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, no comments have been filed in response to such
legal notices; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2013, the Commission conducted a public hearing on the Application; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented, Staff determined that Comcast's proposed rate adjustments and installation and equipment charges, as they appear on its FCC Forms 1240 and 1205, have been calculated in accordance with the regulations of the FCC for the time period January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the Commission hereby approves the calculation of the maximum permitted rate for BST monthly cable services and related equipment rentals and installation charges as set forth

below for services offered by Comcast in the areas within Community Identifier Unit Number DE0079, with such maximum permitted rate to be effective for such services and charges on or after January 1, 2014.

Basic Service Tier Rates

CURRENT MONTHLY OPERATOR SELECTED RATE	CURRENT MONTHLY MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE	PROPOSED MONTHLY OPERATOR SELECTED RATE (effective on or after January 1, 2014)	MONTHLY MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE (effective on or after January 1, 2014)
\$17.03†	\$30.18	\$36.30*	\$36.30

[†] Includes a \$0.08 monthly FCC regulatory fee.

Maximum Permitted Rate for Equipment and Installation Per FCC Form 1205

	PROPOSED OPERATOR SELECTED RATE (effective on or after January 1, 2014)	MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE (effective on or after January 1, 2014)
Hourly service charge	\$33.23	\$33.23
Install unwired home	\$43.17	\$43.17
Install pre-wired home	\$32.33	\$32.33
Install A/O initial	\$13.35	\$13.35
Install A/O separate	\$32.18	\$32.18
Other Install-Relocate outlet initial	\$13.36	\$13.36
Other Install-Relocate outlet separate	\$28.59	\$28.59
Other Install-Upgrade (non addressable)	\$26.32	\$26.32
Other Install-Downgrade (non-addressable)	\$12.09	\$12.09

^{*} Includes a \$0.08 monthly FCC regulatory fee, effective on or after January 1, 2014.

	PROPOSED OPERATOR SELECTED RATE (effective on or after January 1, 2014)	MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE (effective on or after January 1, 2014)
Other Install- Upgrade/downgrade service (addressable)	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.99
Connect VCR-Connect Initial	\$ 7.94	\$ 7.94
Connect VCR-Connect Separate	\$16.39	\$16.39
Customer Trouble Call	\$32.12	\$32.12
Activate Pre-Existing A/O initial	\$ 5.64	\$ 5.64
Activate Pre-Existing A/O separate	\$22.06	\$22.06
Remote Control	\$0.18	\$0.18
Converter Box (Basic Service Only-Non HD)	\$2.21	\$2.21
Converter Box (Basic Service Only-HD)	\$2.21	\$2.21
Converter Box (All Others Excluding Basic Only and DTA)	\$3.50	\$3.50
Converter Box (DTA)	\$1.30	\$1.30
CableCARD	\$1.00	\$1.00

- 2. The maximum permitted rate in this Order shall govern Comcast's BST monthly services rate and related equipment rentals and installation charges in the unincorporated areas of Sussex County CUID # DE0079 through December 31, 2014, until Comcast implements a further rate change pursuant to applicable law.
- 3. To the extent such limitation is permitted by applicable law, Comcast shall not charge any rate higher than the maximum permitted rate as set forth in this Order for monthly BST services and for equipment and installation charges, nor increase

that rate, nor impose on subscribers any other charge for basic service equipment or installation not specified in this Order or in the Commission's previous rate Orders, unless the Commission is properly notified of such changes in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

- 4. Comcast shall provide at least thirty days' prior written notice to its subscribers and to the Commission of any changes in basic service tier rates, video equipment or video installation charges.
- 5. The Commission's findings are based on the representations of Comcast. If the Commission later finds that Comcast's representations were inaccurate in any material way, the Commission reserves the right to take appropriate action. This Order is not to be construed as a finding that the Commission has accepted as correct any specific entry, explanation, or argument made by Comcast unless otherwise specifically stated in this Order.
- 6. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Joann T. Conaway

Chair

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley

Secretary

	/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
	Commissioner
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	/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
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